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Examiner

Sebastiano Passaniti

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS received 05/25/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/23/04(Fig.1-7); 4/14/05(Figs.8,9) are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


Sebastiano Passaniti
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is responsive to communication received 05/25/2005 – IDS.

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 05/25/2005 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability on 05/10/2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Titus (Reg. No. 39,047) on August 10, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 – line 4, after “cavity”, the phrase --and in contact with at least one of the side walls of the club head body-- has been INSERTED;

Claim 10 – line 4, “recess” has been CHANGED to --cavity-- ;

Claim 10 – line 6, before “the raised lip”, the term --only-- has been INSERTED and after the phrase “the raised lip”, the phrase --of the face insert-- has been INSERTED;

Claim 15 – line 5, “disposed in the first recess” has been DELETED;

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Claim 15 – line 13, after “lateral”, the phrase --surface of the face insert in contact with the side walls of the first cavity and the lateral-- has been INSERTED and the term --are-- has been DELTED.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: During the interview with applicant's attorney on 08/10/2005, it was noted that the GB prior art document (1,402,796), newly cited by the applicant with the 05/25/2005 IDS, shows a face insert (13) that further comprises a striking insert (27) that serves as the striking face portion. However, it was noted that the GB Patent does not show a face insert having a back surface having a second cavity formed therein. In the GB Patent, the striking portion (27) does not come into contact with at least one of the sidewalls of the club head body. Moreover, the striking portion (27) in the GB Patent does not include a raised lip that contacts the side wall of the first cavity of the club head body. Changes to more clearly define the face insert structure were agreed upon and the claims were allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sebastiano Passaniti whose telephone number is 571-


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272-4413. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (6:30AM - 3:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on 571-272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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August 10, 2005


Sebastiano Passaniti
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